GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4384
ANSWERED ON:18.12.2001
GRANT OF CITIZENSHIP
JASWANT SINGH YADAV

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received any request from 17000 floating population of displaced Hindus from Pakistan, settled in Jodhpur and other Western districts of Rajasthan, for grant of citizenship;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the reasons for delay in taking a decision about these people living in the country for more than 35 years ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO)

(a): No, Sir.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): A foreigner is required to make an application for grant of Indian citizenship. The powers to grant citizenship to a person of Indian origin were vested in the Collector of the district till 31.3.1986. Therefore, every such application, as and when received through the State Government, is considered by the Central Government in accordance with the provisions of the Citizenship Act, 1955. This is an ongoing process.